

(d) Persons who do not have clinical privileges.

§ 68a.6 How do individuals apply to participate in the CR-LRP?

An application for participation in the CR-LRP shall be submitted to the NIH office which is responsible for the Program's administration, in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe.

§ 68a.7 How are applicants selected to participate in the CR-LRP?

To be selected for participation in the CR-LRP, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in § 68a.3 and § 68a.4.

(b) Applicants must not be ineligible for participation as specified in § 68a.5.

(c) Applicants must be selected for approval by the CR-LRC, based upon a review of their applications.

§ 68a.8 What does the CR-LRP provide to participants?

(a) Loan repayments: For each year of service the individual agrees to serve, with a minimum of 2 years of obligated service, the Secretary may pay up to \$20,000 per year of a participant's repayable debt.

(b) Under § 68a.8(a), the Secretary will make payments in the discharge of debt to the extent appropriated funds are available for these purposes.

§ 68a.9 What loans qualify for repayment?

(a) The CR-LRP will repay participants' lenders the principal, interest, and related expenses of qualified Government and commercial educational loans obtained by participants for the following:

(1) Undergraduate, graduate, and health professional school tuition expenses;

(2) Other reasonable educational expenses required by the school(s) attended, including fees, books, supplies, educational equipment and materials, and laboratory expenses; and

(3) Reasonable living expenses, including the cost of room and board, transportation and commuting costs,

and other living expenses as determined by the Secretary.

(b) The following educational loans are ineligible for repayment under the CR-LRP:

(1) Loans obtained from other than a government entity or commercial lending institution;

(2) Loans for which contemporaneous documentation is not available;

(3) Loans or portions of loans obtained for educational or living expenses which exceed the standard of reasonableness as determined by the participant's standard school budget for the year in which the loan was made, and are not determined by the Secretary to be reasonable based on additional documentation provided by the individual;

(4) Loans, financial debts, or service obligations incurred under the following programs: Physicians Shortage Area Scholarship Program (Federal or State), National Research Service Award Program, Public Health and National Health Service Corps Scholarship Training Program, National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program, Armed Forces (Army, Navy, or Air Force) Health Professions Scholarship Program, Indian Health Service Program, and similar programs, upon determination by the Secretary, which provide loans, scholarships, loan repayments, or other awards in exchange for a future service obligation;

(5) Any loan in default or not in a current payment status;

(6) Loan amounts which participants have paid or were due to have paid prior to the program eligibility date; and

(7) Loans for which promissory notes have been signed after the program eligibility date.

§ 68a.10 What does an individual have to do in return for loan repayments received under the CR-LRP?

Individuals must agree to be engaged in approved clinical research, as employees of the NIH, for a minimum initial period of two consecutive years.